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ADDED TO RACE IN THIS COUNTY

F. S. Powell Announces for Office of Register of Deeds

NOW EIGHT CONTESTS ty-four Candidates Are Now is The Contest for Ten County Offices

Interest in county politics went up-Mr. F. S. Powell, of Parmele, filed for of deeds and H. O. Peel announced for the county solicitorship against W. H. Coburn. With so many scheduled, it now looks as if it will take two days to complete the first primary, not saying that there will be a second one; but it does look as if it will take more than one vote to

determine the winners.

With the announcement of three new candidates this week, the number of races now stands at eight, leaving only one or two more possible ones. The eight can become more complicated

Mr. F. S. Powell announces his race for register after considering the matter several days. H. O. Peel and W. H. Coburn are creating a race to see who the people would have the commissioners appoint for solicitor of the record-

From 21 the early part of the week the number of candidates now stands at 24, the 24 citizens running for ten

The race continues to warm up, and an interesting primary is assured.

LODGE INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Moye Chapter Officers, of Washington Head The Ceremonies

New officers of Conoho Chapter lodge were installed here last night by the officers of Moye chapter, Washington. The newly installed officers are: ton. The newly installed officers are:
Dr. J. H. Saunders, High Priest; F.
U. Barnes, King; W. C. Manning,
Scribe; N. K. Harrison, Captain of the
Host; Luther Peel, Royal Arch Captain; A. R. Dunning, Principal SoJourner; C. B. Clark, Master 3rd Vall;
D. H. Peren, Master 2rd Vall;
D. H. Peren, Master 2 P. H. Brown, Master 2nd Vail; J. W. Manning, Master 1st Vail; N. K. Harrison, Treasurer; L. H. Gurganus, Secretary; A. T. Perry, Sentinel,

The following visitors were present for the ceremony: E. P. Martin, J. P. Harris, John A. Mayo, W. L. Vaughan M. F. McKeel, jr., D. T. Smith, Guy C. Harding, H. B. Clark, F. T. Paul, S. C Pegram, of Washington, John Enright, of Danville chapter.

Prior to the meeting a dinner was served to all visitors by the local chapter. Dr. Griggs, of Elizabeth City, who was expected to be present was unable to attend and a number of the members present made short talks and

FORMER NATIVE **DIES IN TARBORO**

Mrs. Susan Brown Born and Reared in Goose Nest Near Oak City

Mrs. Susan Brown, a native of this county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. D. Taylor, in Tarbor last Tuesday at the age of 85 years. Mrs. Brown before her marriage was

Miss Susan Ann Elizabeth Hooker, and was born and reared near Oak City. In 1864 she was married to Hezekiah Brown who preceded her to the grave many years ago.

Several years ago she left her old

home in this county to live with her daughter in Tarboro. She had been in feeble health for some time, the end

Five daughters, Mrs. D. D. Taylor, of Tarboro; Mrs. W. R. Mann and Mrs. Zeno Mann, of Whitakers; Miss ie Brown, of Lexington, Ky.; Miss Nettie Brown, of Tarboro, and three sons, W. R. and Frank H. Brown of Lexington, Ky., and Nat F. Brown, of near Oak City, survive.

Static Upsets Jamesville Toy Orchestra Broadcast

Local acquaintances met with much isappointment last Tuesday afternoon then electrical disturbances practically wrecked the program of the "Krazy Orchestra of the Jamesville School. Many radio owners tuned in their sets for the program, but the static was too bad for results.

Sunday Services Announce at Everetts Baptist Church

Regular services will be held in the tist Church next Sunday, the pastor, James H. Smith, preaching at both the 11 o'clock hour and at 8

in the evening.

A Mother's Day program will be given by the children at the Sunday schol hour. The public is invited.

MORE NAMES ARE Marked Decrease Expected in NUMBER OF TAX County Property Valuations

RECORDER HAS TWELVE CASES

James Hart Calls for Jury Trial: Gets 12 Months On the Roads

Twelve cases were called in the re corder's court by Judge J. W. Bailey here last Tuesday, the causes coming ines in several cases for the court. The docket was one of the larges scheduled for the court in several

One defendant demanded a jur rial, and the names of twelve jurors were drawn from the box, as follows G. L. Cooper, D. D. Coburn, Jay Grif C. Gurkin, G. P. Hall, J. O. Manning. The cases heard follow:

James Ruffin was found guilty of the charge of abandonment. Prayer for ent was continued for six months and the defendant required to pay the sum of \$12 a month into the hands of the clerk of the court for the benefit of his wife and children.

State vs. Labon Lilley, on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. The defendant plead guilty to the charge of a simple assault. Prayer for judgnent was continued upon payment of he costs in the case.

The jury found Dallas and Raymond Williams not guilty of the larceny

charge against him. George Morgan and Charles Henry Reporting on the valuation for the \$30,000, there remain uncollected at town of Williamston, Mr. W. T. this time \$7,394.46, it was learned from the treasurer's office yesterday. ment suspended upon payment of the ion that it would be about the same costs and good behavior for 12 and probably a small increase.

charge of carrying concealed weapons ers will be late, as the time for listing and was sentenced to the roads for 18 was changed, causing the work to be months, the last 12 of this sentence late in practically all the districts. to be suspended for the term of two

The case against Henry Sherrod charging housebreaking, was continued.

David Biggs plead guilty to the charge of manufacturing liquor and was sentenced to jail for three months. James Hart was sentenced to the roads for 12 months on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He appealed to the superior court.

The case of State vs. Edgar Ayers,

charging assault with a deadly weapon, was nol prossed with leave. Allen Hoyt Smith was sent to the

roads for three months for damage to property.

Henry Jeffreys was sentenced to jail

for 30 days on the charge of an affray. J. W. Bray and Alice Harris were each fined \$100 and one-half of the cost in the case charging them with

JURY LIST DRAWN mingled their fraternal greetings one FOR JUNE COURT

To Serve at Regular Term of Court Convening Here June 16

The names of 36 voters were drawn from the box this week, the owners to serve as jurors at the June term of Martin County Superior Court convening here the third Monday in next nonth. The list follows: C. J. Gurkin, H. B. Barber, Buck

Roberson, Henry Corey, J. J. Roberson, John E. Griffin, W. F. Coltrain, N. L. Cherry, Ira Rogers, J. W. Har-Booker, Hubert Beach, Geo. Mobley, Charlie Leggett, Gaston James, Herman Moore, W. S. Bailey, C. L. Keel, Marion Evans, E. R. Carson, J. D. Ausbon, W. S. Bland, J. W. Ward, W. J. Beach, Z. T. Cox, Paul I. Chesson, Harry Waldo, W. E. Early, T. W. Davenport, L. K. Brown, P. V. Rawls, W. J. Johnson, Jr.

Last Month Honor Roll For the Manning School

The following is the honor roll for the Manning school for the month ending April 30:

First grade: Bernice Gardner, Wilbert Gardner.

Second grade: Edith Hardison, Reba Gardner, Arbelle Gardner, Joseph Goddard, Dora Mae Bembridge.
Third grade: Randolph Gardner, Andrew Hardison, jr., Simon J. Perry.
Fourth grade: Pauline Hardison,

Annie Mae Moore, Irine Gardner. Sixth grade: Daisy B. Perry, Sallie E. Hardison.

Disastrous Fire This Week In Washington

disastrous fire of unknown origin swept a large part of the tobacco district in Washington early Wednesday morning, destroying property val-ued at \$200,000.

The Gravely warehouse, and the Bright Leaf factory were totally de-

A MILLION DROP IS EXPECTED IN

ENTIRE COUNTY Believe Valuation In This District Will Show no Great Change

REPORT \$100,000 LOSS If Present Predictions Prove Found **Property Valuations Will**

Be Around \$15,-00,000 Unofficial reports coming from the everal list-takers are that property valuations in this county are going to show a marked decrease, perhaps as much as a million dollars. In line with this expected decrease, an increase in the tax rate is very likely to result However, no definite conclusions can be determined until the lists are all in and the budgets are prepared.

Losses as high as \$100,000 have beet unofficially reported in more than two ownships, other list-takers unhesitatngly stating that they expected decreases but were uncertain as to the mounts.

"We are not looking for a gain, but ve believe the valuation will decrease but little," the list-taker for Williamston Township stated vesterday after If current predictions are to be con-

will rest around the \$15,100,000 mark for the 1930 tax levy.

nths. From this judgment, the de- The lists are due in the auditor's of-

fendants appealed to the superior court. fice here within the next few days, but Lonnie Spruill plead guilty to a it is believed that many of the record-

BUSY TIME IN THE COUNTY OFFICES

Over One Thousand Papers Recorded During the Past Sixty Days

The general so-called "hard times and the period of inactivity for business as a whole develops a different situa-tin in the county offices—the offices that so many are aspiring to attain. Looking over the records late last night in the office of register of deeds was found that over a thousand deeds, deeds of trust, chattel mortgages, crop liens and notes had been entered with descriptions during the past 60 days. Five hundred and forty of the papers were recorded in April.

The same thing is happening in the clerk of the court's office, for hardly one court is over before another one scheduled, and now for several months there has been always a jury

n waiting. during the past several weeks, and the shown the greatest increase ever ex- ley, Virgil Ward, Julia Watts. perienced in any one year in this coun-

n his office, Sheriff Roebuck stated last night that he had found it almost impossible to "politic" very much.

Robersonville Collections Are Considered Good

Tax collections in the town of Robrsonville apparently reflect prosperous times there. Collector A. S. Roberson finding it necessary to advertise the property of only 15 owners, 11 white and 4 colored. The total taxes, \$836.40, were scheduled for advertising today, it was unofficially learned

While comparative figures are not available here, it is generally believed that under the present financial conditions, the town there is reporting one of the best collections in this section

Make Plans for Annual Outing at Camp Leach

Plans are being made for the annual girls and boys encampment at Camp Leach. The camp has been secured for

Miss Sleeper, the home agent, is nie Wynne, Billy Griffin, Vern Lacy hoping that fifty boys and girls will avail themselves of this opportunity which will decreae the expenses greatly for tha cempers. The camp is undergoing some very good improve-ments and will make the site a much better place than it was last year.

Services At Piney Grove Saturday Evening at 8

Rev. W. B. Harrington will preach Williams, Frances Bowen, Reg Simpat Piney Grove Saturday night at 8 son, Wheeler Manning.
o'clock, Farm Life school Sunday at 11: Louise Coltrain, Josephine 11 a. m., and at Riddicks Grove Sun-Harrison, Marjorie Taylor, Clyde Grifthe pastor. The public is cordially in He was arreday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

NUMBER OF TAX DELINQUENTS IS Restraining Order Stops Sale DOUBLED HERE

One Hundred and Seventy-Seven Parcels Escape Temporarily

\$7,394.46 UNCOLLECTED

List Carries Names of 68 White and

One hundred and seventy-seven parcels of land in the town of William ston escaped the advertising list today as a result of a restraining order served by individual taxpayers on Collect-or W. B. Daniel yesterday morning. The relief is only temporary, as all property where the taxes have been paid will eventually go on the block. Just when that class of property goes up for sale will be determined the 24th of this month, when a hearing will be held before a superior court judge in Wilson. The order also limits the collector in levying on personal property, it was stated.

Pending the outcome of the restraining order earlier in the week, the treasurer's office continued its preparations for handling the sale of the property according to law. A survey of the list shows the names of 68 white real estate owners and 109 colored owners, the two combined, 177, being slightly more than twice as great as the number actually advertised last season Last year, the collector advertised the sidered, the county property valuation property of 85 owners, 30 white and 55

Of the entire levy, approximately

HONOR ROLL FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

143 Names Appear on List for the Last Month Of School

One hundred and forty-three pupils made the scholastic honor roll in the local schools during the past month. The list is the largest reported during the year, it was pointed out by Principal William R. Watson.

The enrollment for the month was 624, the school maintaining an aver ave daily attendance of 94 per cent.

The names of honor students follow Grade 1-A: Ben Barnhill, Stuart Critcher, Emory McCabe, Jack Sullivan, Joseph Thigpen, Raymond Rawls, Nancy Biggs, Eleanor Brown, Marjorie Dunn, Dorothy Harrison, Carolyn Lindsley, Mary Osborne, Made line Pope, Sarah Taylor.

Grade 1-B: Harvey Chesson, Haywood Price, Simon Roebuck, Arna Wallace, Ellis White, Grace Jones Emma Daniel, Dorothy Jones.

Grade 2-A: Bill Ballard, Jerry Clark, Dick Dunn; Bob Everette, Jr., Jack Bowen, Minnie Chesson, Sallie G. Gurkin, Elsie Gurganus, Helen Lindsley, tions have been even more congested. Doris Moore, Louise Melson, Helen to help you," he said, proving his state-Extra clerks have been made necessary Mishoe, Mildred Pope, Clara L. Peele, ment by a splendid illustration. Pearly Roberson, Mary Ramey, Card number of papers to be served has line Stalls, Elenaor Taylor, Susie Whit-

Grade 2-B: James Bullock, Fate Roes buck, jr., Haywood Wynn, Glynn Lowe, Ethel Bennett, Annie R. Moore, Pattie Nicholson, Virginia Nicholson, Virginia Williams.

Grade 3-A: Billy Biggs, Lee Burt Jenkins, Reg Manning, John Ward, jr. Ronald Willaims, Grace Barnhill, Marn Pender, Geneva Robertson,

Grade 3-B: Muriel Bland, Nora Grimes, Lydia Hinson, Virginia Lilley, Louise Nicholson, Lydia Revels, George Bunch, Milford Harrison.

Grade 4-A: Addie L. Meador, Elvi Mae Mishoe, Nellie G. Rogerson, Alma Godwin, Melrose Bonds, Eva Wilder, Eloise Godwin, Velma Bennett, Julia Everett, Whit Purvis, Carlyle Hall, E. G. Wynne, R. A. Pope, jr. Burrus Critcher, Hazel Price. Grade 4-B: Evelyn Cowen, Mildred

Whitley, Marie Hardison. Grade 5-A: Milton James, Ben Manning, Clayton Moore, Edna Ballard, Ella W. Critcher, Marjorie Lindsley, Kathleen Price, Gwen Watts, Jean

Watts. Grade 5-B: Kader Modlin, Dense Simpson, Thelma Burroughs.

Grade 6: Pattie R. Bennett, Alta Critcher, Mary B. Edmondson, Eula the entire week this year. The camp is Green, Alice Harrison, Blanche Har-scheduled for the week of May 31 to rison, Grace Manning, Edna Rogerson, Irene Rogerson, Marjorie Taylor, An-

> Price, Biffle Pope, Olive McCabe, Nell Harrison, Katherine Harrison, Mattie Gurganus, Wheeler Martin, Jack Man-ning, Shelbon Hall. Grade 8-A: Myrtle Brown, Russell Roebuck, Jennie G. Taylor, Catherine

fin, Leroy Griffin, Raymond Gurkin.

Grade 10: Edith Peele, Mary Clyde

Of Town And County Taxes

ATTACKS CHAIN STORE SYSTEM IN TALK HERE

Rev. T. W. Thurston Speaks To Large Number of Colored People

You are rapidly closing the door of hoped," the Rev. T. W. Thurston, colored minister of New Bern, told more than 150 colored citizens here last night in a sound and logical speech relative to the "Chain Store Menace." Introduced by Professor W. V. Ormond in a few well chosen words, the speaker gave the large courthouse auditorium audience much food for thought.

Completing his introductory remarks, the colored minister stated that he could not understand why there should be "hard times" in this, the garden spot of the world. He told of the natural resources of the State, and the strides industry had made, of favorable employment conditions at one time. And then, the chain store menace came. Its effect on living conditions and em-ployment was ably presented by concrete and definite illustrations. "A factory closed down in my section a few days ago, and 100 men were thrown on the labor market at one time," the speaker declared. Continuing he said, with no employment and no money to buy food, the hungry were going to his church for help. Theretofore they had traded at the chain store, but when the jobs failed and their money was gone they were turned from the chain organizations to the community for help. Why sit by and let Wall Street suck the blood out of the country?" he asked.

Addressing the members of his race, he told them they were facing economic slavery, and when one of them walked into a chain store he was doing nothing more than chaining himself, he declared. "We are facing an economic, condition that is going to burn our fingers, unless we turn. Chain farms are on the way, chain everything will result unless we change."

He pointed out why jobs were scarce, and ably defended his stand in the matter. The minister explained the several relations growing out of home pat ronage, convincing the members of his audience that they were marching slowly to two house-the poor house or the jail house-when they patronized chain stores.

"Cheap peas, cheap tomatoes mean cheap labor," he declared, "and the fight against chain stores is the fight of all the people."

Well acquainted with the great chain systems, he told how the organizations controlled the potato crop, the strawberry crop, placing a price on Edmondson, Gordon Manning, Elbert the two that was below the cost of Peele, jr., James W. Ward, Bernice production. "And by trading with them yon are tying the independent man's hands, making it impossible for him

friendship among those with whom they lived, but warned against the a-

Presbyterians Announce Program of Services

Sunday, May 11, 1930: "The Church With An Open Door. True sayings, "O, mother, when I think of thee, 'Tis but a step to Cal-

vary." Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Departmental classes. Mr. John L. Rodgeron, superintendent. Worship service and sermon, 11 a. m. A Mother's Day message. The sub-

ject will be "A White Carnation-The Cross-and a Mother.' Everybody has a mother. Down deep in our hearts all of us love our mother. Then make yours happy by attending

church somewhere Sunday, May 11, the day which has been set apart in order that the sons of men might pay tribute to their Mothers. You are always welcome at the Presbyterian Church.

Bear Grass

The regular services of the Presby terian Church will be held in the Bear Grass Schoolhouse auditorium Sunday May 11, at 7:30 p. m. This is Mother's Day. Come to this service and bring your mother with you. Good singing, story telling, Gospel preaching. elcome everybody

Local Methodist Church Dwight A. Petty, Pastor Sunday school at 9:45—Professor W

R. Watson, superintendent. Mother's Day will be observed in the Sunday Morning worship at 11-Sermon by

the pastor on "The Power of Motherhood." Red and white flowers will be given at the door that all may wear

POULTRY SALES ARE DECREASED

Only \$350, Worth Chickens Sold at Jamesville and Williamston

Cooperative poultry loadings in the ever made since the operation of the ars was started, County Agent T. B. Brandon stated.

"We operated the car to clear the parnyards of old hens and other boarders, but we think the yards were cleared several weeks ago," Mr. Brandon stated. The prices were low and it is believed that that factor had something o do with the size of the loading.

Cash receipts here and at Jamesville vere said to have been slightly over the year 1929 only, it is underst \$300. Similar results were reported at but it is not likely that any old ac-Robersonville yesterday and no great counts will be exposed. change is taking place in Oak City to-

HOME AGENT'S APRIL REPORT

Twenty-three County Women Attend Meeting In Washington

The county home demonstration agent travelled 889 miles during the month of April conducting 7 meetings with women and 15 with the juniors. Twenty-one days were spent in the field and five in the office. Sixteen homes were visited, 339 bulletins distributed, 1 circular letter written with 101 copies circulated, 4 articles were prepared for the press.

Twenty-three women from the county attended the first district meet-property owners. Reporting his collec-Mizelle, president o fthe Martin Coun- that around \$255,000 of the \$300,000 ty Council of Home Demonstration levy had been collected. The uncolclubs was called upon to make the re- lected amount this year is more than sponse to the welcome address at the half what it was last year, when the meeting. She was elected a delegate to property of 366 county property own represent the district at the State Federation meeting to be held in Pinehurst during this month.

Two demonstration gardens using free nitrate of soda were started during the month in Williamston, Mr. Jno. oring to carry out all the principles learned in having a good garden. The nitrate of soda people furnish soda free in the list of unpaid accounts, it was to those having demonstration gardens.

I. D. ROGERSON DIES NEAR HERE

Had Been In Poor Health For Approximately Three Years

John Daniel Rogerson died at his home on the Slade farm near here on the Hamilton Road early Wednesday morning after a long illness, cancer being assigned as the cause of his death. Three years ago Mr. Rogerson's health began to fail, and gradually he grew past several months he had been confined to his bed.

The son of the late W. H. and Elizborn in August, 1885, near Bear-Grass. Reared on a farm, he continued to till the soil until his health failed him. In early manhood he married Miss Eliza gates from the Elizabeth City District Hoard, who with nine children, Robert, Grover, Mary, Thelma, Edna, Lou- Carolina Conference, which wil be held ise, Joseph, Leslie, and Jimmie, survives. He is also survived by his mother and two brothers, J. K. and Eli' and one sister, Mr. John Gurganus.

The funeral service was held at the first ballot.

The sessions at Columbia this week interment following in the Baptist cemetery here. Rev. W. B. Harrington conducted the last rites.

Man Broke Padlock on His Hip Pocket

Kansas City, May 8.-Rollin A Brown, 35, of Springfield, Mo., cam here today to tell Federal District Judge Albert L. Reeves why he had broken a padlock legally affixed to his hip pocket.

A year ago the judge sentence Brown to six months in jail on a charge of portee bootlegging—i. e., from his pockets. Upon his release Judge Reeves issued an injunction restraining him from carrying, selling, or possess ing liquor.

In spite of the padlocking, Brown's ability to scout thirsty souls was as good as ever, Federal agents said. A wink, a flip of the coat tail, and Brown was followed into an alley where a sale was made. One day Brown winked at one too many strangers. It was a

He was arrested, and his citatio

HEARING TO BE HELD MAY 24 BY JUDGE SINCLAIR

Order Welcomed by Around 1,000 Town and County Property Owners

county this week were the smallest SINCLAIR SIGNS PAPER

Order Likely To Be Made Permanent Delaying the Sale of Taxes Until September

The advertising of property for taxes due the county and the town of Williamston was temporarily postponed yesterday when restraining orders were served on the collectors, C. B. Roebuck for the county and W. B. Daniel for The order covers taxes for

Attorney B. A. Critcher, representing Messrs. H. T. Roberson, Luther Peel, D. D. Stalls, W. L. Stalls, J. W. Biggs and W. H. Biggs, appeared before Judge N. A. Sinclair at Fayetteville late last Wednesday and secured the restraining order, enjoining the collectors from selling lands and personal property for taxes unpaid for the year 1929

The case is returnable before Judge Sinclair in Wilson the 24th day of this month, at which time both the county and town may be heard. When relief is assured only until the hearing in Wilson, it is practically certain that the judge will make the injunction permanent and fix a date for the final hearing to be held perhaps some time in

September or October. Investigating the tax situation in the county at the present time, it is concluded that the restraining order will ng held in Washington. Mrs. Julian tions yesterday, Sheriff Roebuck stated

ers was advertised for sale. Following the instructions received early in the week, the collector had almost completed the list for advertising when the order was served. Of the seven townships prepared. Goose Nest Ward and Mr. S. E. Sprinkle endeav- shows the largest number of unpaid accounts. Williamston Township comes second and Jamesville Township third

> In comparing the unpaid accounts for the past year and the present, the sheriff stated that the collections this year were around \$27,000 less than they were last year at the same time

METHODISTS TO MEET HERE 1931

Delegates to Columbia Meet Accept Invitation Extended Thursday

Episcopal Church, South, of the Elizabeth City District, will be held in Williamston next year, delegates to the forced from active work. During the conference held in Columbia on Wedcepting the invitation of the local church by a large majority. churches at Gatesville and Elizabeth abeth Rogerson, Mr. Rogerson was City also extended invitations for the meeting next years

> church, was elected one of the deleto the annual meeting of the North with the church at Henderson this fall. Eleven ballots were required in the selection of delegates, and Mr Pope was one of those elected on the

were described as being very interesting by the members of the local church who attended. Those going as delegates from here were: Rev. D. Petty, pastor, and Mrs. Petty, W. R. Watson, and R. F. Pope.

Special Program at Local Christian Church Sunday A mixed quartette will feature the rogram of services at the Christian

group of singers coming from Atlantic Christian College, Wilson. In announcing the services, the pas-tor, Rev. W. B. Wiegmann, stated that "The Hero of the Ages" would be the subject for the morning sermon The evening hour will be given over

hurch here next Sunday evening, the

to the singers, it was stated. The public is invited to hear th Wilson singers and hear the pastor is the morning. Sunday school will con-vene at the regular hour, 9:45.

the Christian Church will meet w Mrs. Leamon Barnhill at her home Simmons Avenue next Monday at noon at 3:30 o'clock, All members